



A man with a shaved head and a dark shirt stands next to a young boy with spiky black hair and a white shirt. The man is gesturing with his hand towards the boy.

WHEN I WAS
SMALL, FRIENDS
I WANTED TO
HAVE ALWAYS
LEFT ME. ONLY
DIRTY
GROWNUPS
BEFRIENDED ME.

A close-up of a person's face, showing their eye and part of their head. The person has a shaved head and is looking towards the left.

BUT THE
BRAND OF
HIS NAME
AND THE
COMPANY HAD
OVERSHA-
DOWED ME.

A boy with spiky black hair is jumping over a white railing. He is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. The background is a bright, hazy sky.

SO I
TOOK A
JUMP.

A boy with spiky black hair is standing on a balcony, looking out over a city. He is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. The balcony has a white railing.

SO FED UP
WITH ALL
THIS,
I WANTED TO
RESET MY LIFE
LIKE A
COMPUTER
GAME.

A boy with spiky black hair is sitting on a bed. He is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. There is a vase with flowers on a table next to the bed.

I WAS
SLIGHTLY
HAPPY
ABOUT
THAT.

A boy with spiky black hair is sitting on a bed. He is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. There is a vase with flowers on a table next to the bed.

BUT IT
WASN'T HIGH
ENOUGH TO
PIS, AND I
JUST BUMPED
MY HEAD AND
FORGOT MY
NAME.

HAVEN'T
READ
THIS ONE

NOW IN HIGH
SCHOOL,
I FOUND
REFUGE IN
OTAKU
CULTURE.

とら



I WAS JUST
READING A
FANTASY
UNDER THE
BRIDGE LIKE
ANY
OTHER DAY.

...HUH?



SHE'S
JUST SO
GLOOMY.

SHE'S
COMPLETELY
OPPOSITE
FROM ME...

I BOUGHT
MANGA BY
MISTAKE.

TAKO NABATO FROM THE POPULAR LIGHT
NOVEL SERIES "THE MELANCHOLY OF
HARUKE SUGIMOTO."

HEY!!



YOU JUST
DISSED
NAGA**,
DIDN'T
YOU?!

COOLNESS BEING PEOPLE WHO ARE COOL
TOWARDS MOST OTHERS BUT RESERVE THEIR
FEELINGS FOR THOSE THEY LOVE



NAGA**
IS NOT
GLOOMY,
SHE'S
COOLERRR!



TSURU**,
HUH.
YOU'RE
JUST A
NEWBIE.

...SHUT UP.
SHE'S JUST
GLOOMY.
TSURU**
SAYS SO.



WELL, IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT YOU
DON'T GET "MOB"
WHEN YOU'RE NOT
REALLY INTO IT.

HUH?

ARMED
7
33
%

TRY IT. I
WON'T BE
BEATEN BY
SOMEONE WHO
DOESN'T
HAVE REAL
PASSION FOR
CHARACTERS...



~
~
HUM

I'LL SLOG
YOU IF YOU
GO TOO FAR.



ARGHWA?!

BA-ZOOM



HUH,
I WON'T
SPARE
YOU!

うりやあ
YAAAA

YOU'RE
STILL
GUILTY OF
PISSING
NAGA...
LET'S HAVE
IT OUT!

OUT

NEE

T-THAT
WASN'T
TOO
BAD...





...THIS.

IT WAS SO
"MOM" WHEN
SA**KI
TURNED OUT
TO BE
A GIRL!

WE HAD A
NO-HOLDS-
BARRED
MOE BATTLE.
AFTER FIGHTING
FOR OUR PRIDE
AND GLORY,
THE BATTLE
ENDED WITH...

CRUNCH



I DON'T
LOOK
LIKE A
GIRL. I
AM A
GIRL.

IT'S TOO
DARK IN
HERE

...I SEE,
YOU
LOOK
LIKE A
GIRL.



...BY THE
WAY, I'M
A GIRL.

HUH?

WHEN I
HEARD YOU
DIDN
NADA**.
I WENT,
"THIS
GUYS
CRAP." BUT
YOU AREN'T
SO BAD!



WH
I'M...

BRO?

MY NAME IS...
BRO.
WHAT'S
YOURS?

I SEE...
SORRY ABOUT
FLOCKING A
FIGHT WITH
YOU.



